

Dear Representative Woolsey,

I am writing you today to voice my concern over the recent set of rules changes which Chairman Michael Powell has proposed to the FCC that would greatly relax regulation of ownership rules that govern the media industry. Specifically, I am most concerned about the prospects of having upwards of 1/2 of the media properties in any given market in the hands of any one corporate entity. The simple fact is that information is too important and too powerful of a force to be the private domain of any one company. The airwaves belong to the public, and it is the FCC who is charged with the responsibility of protecting the public interests in this realm. Please stop the fleecing of this valuable resource and stand up to the Clear Channel and Viacom's of the world in their agenda of hyper-consolidation and omni-directional business integration.

Additionally, and on a slightly more anecdotal note, having lived through the power industry's deregulation in California and having lived through the telecom crash of the last 3 years (largely a result of a flawed de-regulatory process), you will have to forgive me if I don't think the people there in Washington have my best interests at heart when they come up with these plans.

Thanks for reading, have a great day.

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